

16 August 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Armstrong
VIA: General Thomas
SUBJECT: Request from A. W. Marshall

1. Andy Marshall has queried me several times about the disappearance of one art form from current reporting. At his urging about a year ago OCI agreed to put out the document now called The Weekly Soviet Survey with a section called Forum in it. This section was to contain any contributions from other agencies or differences of opinion on items in the publication arising among the analysts of DIA and INR. For reasons not clear to me (and certainly not to Mr. Marshall) this experiment with Community input to a CIA publication was discontinued.

2. Try to run down the written or verbal agreements on this matter between agencies and the views of CIA, DIA and INR as to what happened.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Decision to Publish "Soviet Developments"
And "Soviet Weekly Review"

1. We began publishing "Soviet Developments" on 24 March. We produce it Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We began the "Soviet Weekly Review" on 4 April and publish it on Tuesdays. Both publications were the outgrowth of a meeting called by Andrew Marshall on 23 March 1972. Marshall was Kissinger's choice to head up a working group for the new NSC Intelligence Committee. This is to advise the President on the quality, scope and timeliness of the intelligence impact on Presidential decisions and on the steps to improve it. Marshall called a meeting of Sonnenfeldt and [REDACTED] of the NSC Staff and representatives of CIA, State and DIA who produce intelligence on the Soviet Union. The purpose was to discover the problems the NSC staffers had with the intelligence reporting they were then receiving. Sonnenfeldt at the last minute was unable to attend the meeting. 25X1A

2. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a said that he felt he had no continuity on Soviet developments. The CIBs were episodic and selective, the Weekly was too general for his purposes. He wanted more of a flow of Soviet material to him, both factual and analytical. He did not care whether it was coordinated or not, in fact, preferably not.

3. I said I thought we (OCI--European Division) could do a weekly for him in answer to his needs. State and DIA agreed to participate, in fact under the circumstances, they were eager to participate. The format decided was chronology, publications of interest, trends and a forum where people could write think pieces which could be commented upon by others.

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4. Upon returning to the Office, I found less stomach for a weekly and more for a daily. I persuaded the powers that be that we could do both. Hence the two publications. "Soviet Developments" has worked out very well indeed. It is of great use to Tom Latimore who is currently in charge of Kissinger's traffic control. The Weekly has also been well received. Of course it is a bit more of a chore in that the forum items have to be LDXed around town. These items are not of uniform quality, but the idea is unique and worth exploring for awhile. (It brings ONE, SRS, FBIS and CRS into our reporting process in addition to DIA/Estimates and State/INR. OSR and OER of course are already involved.) The chronology of the Weekly has been a winner despite a lot of poor-mouthing at the beginning. We have since dropped the trends section since it only repeated material contained in the daily "Soviet Developments."

5. The outside dissem of the daily currently is Latimore, Sonnenfeldt, [REDACTED] and Marshall of the NSC Staff, Cline, Davies and Packman of State. The USSR country desk reads Davies' copy and has been full of praise for it. The Weekly has the same outside dissem except that five copies go to General Graham at the Pentagon. We had to dissem to DIA since that Agency participates in the Forum though not too frequently. In general we carry items up to the highest classification in both pubs. The exception is that in the Weekly, we do not carry sensitive DDP reports not previously disseminated to the Pentagon. We have not used any NODIS material so far, not having any to use. We will cross this bridge when we come to it. 25X1A

6. We are not committed to producing these publications beyond the summit in late May. After that we will have another look at the problem.

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